

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 21 remain pending in the application.

The Office Action objected to the Abstract due to non-compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72. The Abstract has been amended and is now believed to be in compliance.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 - 21 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 7,103,704. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) to obviate the double patenting rejection has been filed along with this response. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal of the double patenting rejection.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505\ 6000-09801.

Respectfully submitted,



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